

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary MacLaren, on March 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R), Rep. Steve Lavin (R), Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), Rep. Kris Hansen (R) and Rep. Sue Malek (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. James Knox (R) ,Rep. Derek Skees, (R) and Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Staff Present:** Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch  
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 222, 3/8/2011; SB 248, 3/8/2011  
Executive Action: SB 128 , SB 146 and SB 108

**HEARING ON SB 222****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Sen. Shannon Augare (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise qualifications for firefighters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:31 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters  
00:02:33 Rep. Knox joined meeting  
00:04:14 Alec Hansen League of Cities and Towns  
00:05:55 Becky Sturdevant

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:53 Rep. O'Neil  
00:08:19 Sen. Augare  
00:08:48 Rep. O'Neil  
00:09:11 Sen. Augare  
00:09:17 Joseph Sands  
00:09:57 Rep. O'Neil  
00:10:09 Joseph Sands  
00:10:29 Rep. O'Neil  
00:10:41 Joseph Sands  
00:11:00 Alec Hanson  
00:12:07 Rep. O'Neil  
00:13:46 Alec Hanson  
00:14:23 Rep. Barrett  
00:14:40 Joseph Sands  
00:15:24 Rep. Barrett  
00:15:44 Joseph Sands  
00:16:08 Matt Norby, Montana State Firemen's Association  
00:17:20 Rep. Barrett  
00:18:11 Sen. Augare  
00:18:20 Rep. Knox  
00:18:43 Alec Hansen  
00:19:33 Rep. Knox  
00:19:45 Alec Hansen  
00:19:55 Rep. Knox  
00:19:56 Rep Hansen joined meeting  
00:20:09 Rep. Reinhart  
00:20:37 Sen. Augare  
00:20:54 Rep. McNally  
00:21:16 Sen Augare  
00:21:30 Rep. O'Neil  
00:21:53 Sen Augare  
00:22:14 Rep. Moore  
00:22:39 Joseph Sands

00:23:21 Rep. Moore  
00:23:34 Joseph sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:43 Sen. Augare

**HEARING ON SB 248**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:16 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 248, Allow additional members for county tax appeal board.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:51 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:31:18 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's  
00:31:45 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:06 Doug Kaercher, Member State Tax Appeal Board

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:50 Sen Gillan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108**

00:38:04 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:38:19 Rep. Reinhart  
00:38:32 Helen Thigpen  
00:38:39 Rep. O'Neil  
00:38:57 Rep. Reinhart  
00:39:03 Helen Thigpen  
00:39:37 Rep. Reinhart  
00:40:09 Rep. Barrett  
00:41:01 Rep. Knox  
00:41:22 Rep Vance withdrew his motion.  
00:41:55 Rep. Bangerter  
00:42:26 Rep. Moore

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128**

00:43:00 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 128 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:43:09 Rep. Ingraham

00:43:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 146**

00:44:29 **Motion:** Rep. Knox moved that **SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:44:48 **Motion:** Rep. Rosendale moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(loh54a01)

**Discussion:**

00:45:06 Rep. Rosendale

00:45:30 Helen Thigpen

00:45:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

00:46:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Rosendale moved that **SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy. Rep. Greef will carry the bill.

00:47:27 Harold Blattie

00:52:50 Rep. Reinhart

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00:54:53 Helen Thigpen

00:57:08 Rep. Moore

00:57:17 Rep. Hansen

00:58:04 Rep. Reinhart

00:58:34 Rep. Moore

00:58:52 Helen Thigpen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:59:16

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh54aad.pdf](#))**